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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action made final and mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on June 18, 2001 in the above-identified application. In lieu of filing a Brief on Appeal in reply to the Notice of Appeal received in the PTO on January 18, 2002, Applicants' Attorney is filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Reconsideration and further examination are requested. Applicants believe that no new matter has been added.